If you have already read the chapter 1, we can start with chapter 2 and 3 in the coming week.

Chapter 1 must have given you an understanding of various software components to build a database management system and advantages or disadvantages of using DBMS approach. It should give a good background on basic terms, logical and physical design, views for users, DBA, end users, and a history of database research and progress. You can learn ideas/application for using hierarchical and network databases and object oriented systems, XML etc.

Chapter 2 talks about data models, schemas, DBMS languages and interfaces, environment and components, various architectures (centralized, distributed, client-server etc.

If you can read chapter 2, the class discussion and presentation of slides will make a lot more sense. You may make notes on your copy of slides and if can bring the book, you can make notes in the book.

You are welcomed to meet me after class and identify more topics of interest or those that have been covered in class.

Think of review questions and make sure you know all the words/text written in bold in the book.